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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SCHOLARS TO BE ADMITTED TO LIMITED DECISION-MAKING
POSITIONS AT JAPANESE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

1. JAPANESE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) ON DECEMBER 22, ANNOUNCED
DECISION TO REVISE MOE ORDINANCES TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
SCHOLARS TO TWO NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES. NEW REGULATIONS WILL
ALLOW FOREIGNERS TO HOLD POSITIONS OF LIMITED AUTHORITY HERETOFORE
CLOSED TO NON-JAPANESE.

2. MOE HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT CANADIAN PHYSICIST GERHARD HERZBERG
AND WEST GERMAN PHYSICIST H. GERISCHER AS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR SCIENCE (OKAZAKI, AICHI PREFECTURE).
HERZBERG IS CHIEF OF CANADIAN NATIONAL HERZBERG RESEARCH COUNCIL OF
ASTROPHYSICS AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER FOR CHEMISTRY IN 1971. GERISCHER
IS DIRECTOR OF FRITZ-HABER INSTITUTE OF MAX PLANCK FOUNDATION.
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR SCIENCE INAUGURATED APRIL 1975
AS COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTE ON MOLECULAR SCIENCE FOR COMMON USE BY
NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT JAPAN. GOVERNING BODY CONSISTS
OF COUNCIL WHICH ADVISES HEAD OF INSTITUTE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND
OPERATIONAL MATTERS. HERZBERG AND GERISCHER TO MAINTAIN CONTACT
WITH JAPANESE COLLEAGUES FROM HOME COUNTRY DURING TENURE WITH SEMI-
ANNUAL TRIPS TO JAPAN TO ATTEND INSTITUTE'S COUNCIL MEETINGS.

3. FOUR ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SCHOLARS (TWO PROFESSORS, TWO ASSISTANTS)
TO BE SELECTED BY MOE BY JANUARY 1976 TO FORM NEW RESEARCH SECTION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES CENTER AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY. NEW SECTION
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(IN ADDITION TO SIX CURRENT SECTIONS) WILL STUDY TROPICAL AGRICULTURE

AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGY. THIS WILL BE FIRST TIME JAPANESE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE RESEARCH SECTION STAFFED ENTIRELY BY FOREIGNERS.

4. IN RECENT EDITORIAL, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JAPAN TIMES CITES MOE DECISION APPROVINGLY AS BREACHING ONE BARRIER TO INTERNATIONALIZING JAPAN'S ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND URGES CONTINUED EFFORTS TO INVOLVE FOREIGN SCHOLARS IN JAPANESE ACADEMIC LIFE TO MORE MEANINGFUL DEGREE.
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